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ASSESSMENT OF FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission is assessing the outcome and response of various flagship programmes in various States;
- (b) if so, whether the advisors were directed to submit feedback reports to the Prime Minister and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received the feedback from the experts and if so, the main points mentioned in the report;
- (d) the extent to which the schemes have been successfully implemented, State-wise including in Maharashtra; and
- (e) whether any improvement is being suggested to achieve the aims and objectives of these schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (e) The assessment of the outcome and response of various flagship programmes in various States is primarily the responsibility of the implementing Ministries of Government of India. The Union Ministries release funds to the States on the basis of guidelines of the programmes and performance of the scheme upon receiving the utilisation certificates for the funds earlier provided to them. The Outcome and Performance Budgets of the respective Union Ministries presented to the Parliament also inter alia contain outcomes against targets achieved under various flagship programmes.

As far as the Planning Commission is concerned, the Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) has been evaluating, various flagship programmes to assess their impact on development, from time to time on behest of the implementing Ministries. During the last three years i.e. 2009-12, the PEO has conducted, on sample basis, process and impact evaluation of the following flagship schemes:

- (i) Rural Roads component of Bharat Nirman
- (ii) Rural Telephony
- (iii) Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)
- (iv) Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission
- (v) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)
- (vi) Cooked Mid-day Meals (CMDM)
- (vii) Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA)
- (viii) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)
- (ix) Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)

The reports of the above evaluation studies have been placed in the public domain i.e. Planning Commission's website (<http://planningcommission.nic.in>). The 12th Plan document as approved by the National Development Council in its meeting held on 27-12-2012 also indicates about broad assessment of various flagship programmes. Various stakeholders including State Governments and experts have been consulted during plan process. In addition, Planning Commission Advisers also visited the States. The suggestions for improvement indicated in these assessments are acted upon by the Ministries in modifying the design and guidelines of various programmes.